

Chapter Nine

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

The Purpose of the National Assessment of Educational Progress

The purpose of the *National Assessment of Educational Progress* (NAEP), also known as "The Nation's Report Card," is to demonstrate performance over time for a selected sample within Indiana. NAEP is administered annually to students in grades 4, 8, and 12, and can be used to compare student performance across the United States. During selected assessment cycles, TIMSS (Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study), PISA (Program for International Student Assessment), and PIRLS (Progress in International Reading Study) are administered in conjunction with the NAEP assessment.

Structure of NAEP for 2012-2013

Testing personnel should note the following regarding the administration of the 2013 NAEP Assessment:

1. During the 2012-2013 school year, the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be administered in mathematics and reading and will be conducted with representative student samples in grades 4, 8, and 12. Indiana law requires all accredited public and nonpublic schools to participate in NAEP assessments if selected by the U.S. Department of Education.
2. The 2012-2013 NAEP is composed of multiple-choice, short constructed-response, extended-response, and computer-based questions. Test administration typically requires 90 minutes of student time and will be administered by NAEP field staff.
3. Each student selected for the 2012-2013 NAEP will participate in either mathematics or reading.
4. The 2012-2013 NAEP assesses students with disabilities and English learners based on NAEP allowable accommodations.
5. The 2012-2013 NAEP mathematics and reading results will be reported at the state and national levels only.
6. The 2012-2013 NAEP assessment will be administered by NAEP field staff during regular school hours. Indiana is encouraging selected schools to have a staff member present during the test administration.
7. After the assessment is complete, it is sent by NAEP field staff to Pearson for scoring.
8. A sample of grade 8 students will participate in the NAEP Technology and Engineering Literacy Assessment (TEL). NAEP field staff will administer the NAEP-TEL assessment to grade 8 students using NAEP laptop computers, which will be connected to the Internet.

Testing Accommodations

The approved ISTEP+ accommodations outlined in *Appendix C* apply to NAEP as communicated by the NAEP State Coordinator. The provision of these testing accommodations may be administered by classroom teachers in addition to program area staff (i.e., EL teacher). Teachers need to be made aware of each student's allowable accommodations.

NAEP Assessment Windows for 2012-2013

Window	Dates	Administration Type
NAEP (Grades 4, 8, & 12)	January 28 – March 8, 2013	Paper-and-Pencil
NAEP-TEL (Grade 8)	January 28 – March 8, 2013	Online

Selected schools may contact the NAEP Help Desk (800-283-6237) or Indiana's NAEP State Coordinator (317-234-5600) for assistance.

For additional information, please access www.nationsreportcard.gov or <http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/assessment>.